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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT: The Furtive War by Wilfred G. Burchett

1. This memorandum is for information only and is merely to note the publication of a new book entitled The Furtive War: The United States in Vietnam and Laos by Wilfred G. Burchett. It is published by International Publications Co. in New York, which is perhaps the main American outlet for Communist publications.

2. Burchett is an Australian by birth and lives in Moscow. He is a journalist of many years standing and certainly one of the leading Communists writing in the West. The dust jacket places emphasis on his support of the National Liberation Front in Vietnam and notes his interviews with President Ho Chi Minh. It notes further that, "Here is traced in detail the intrigues by State Department and CIA..." There are several references to CIA in the book. One such statement is that, "The attempt to prove that the CIA has one policy and the Administration another is wearing a bit thin. The only U.S. policy the world sees in action is the CIA policy."

3. Mr. Colby, Chief, FE Division, is aware of the book and of its straight Party-line contents. We do not believe it necessary to call it to the DCI's attention, and this memorandum simply records for your information the existence of this propaganda volume.

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Walter Pforzheimer

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Asst. to Dir. (Mr. Chrétien)

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